

Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakama Nation

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Established by the
Treaty of June 9, 1855

June 5, 2003

Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
U.S. Department of Defense
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Honorable John Ashcroft
U.S. Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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RE: CERCLA 60 Day Notice, Hanford 100 Area and Hanford 300 Area

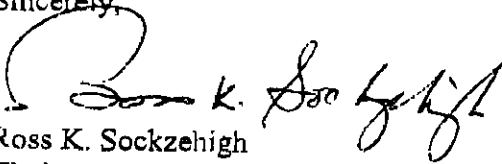
Dear President Bush, Secretary Abraham, Secretary Rumsfeld and Attorney General Ashcroft:

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation), a federally recognized Indian nation under the Treaty of June 9, 1855 (12 Stat. 951), has identified the United States of America, the United States Department of Energy and the United States Department of Defense as potentially responsible parties liable to the Yakama Nation for natural resource damages resulting from the injury, loss or destruction of natural resources with respect to the Hanford 100 Area and the Hanford 300 Area, both of which are facilities listed on the federal National Priority List and located in the State of Washington.

By this letter, you are hereby notified pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a) that the Yakama Nation intends to seek recovery of such natural resource damages regarding the Hanford 100 and 300 Areas from the United States of America, Department of Defense, and Department of Energy by either amending its current litigation regarding the Hanford 1100 Area (*Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation v. United States of America, et al*, U.S.D.Ct., E.D.WA # CY-02-3105-WFN) or by filing a new lawsuit.

Copies of this notice have been forwarded to the other potential tribal, state and federal natural resource trustees. By this letter, you are also invited to contact the Yakama Nation to initiate settlement discussions for this matter. For this purpose, or for any questions you may have, please contact Tom Zeilman at the Yakama Nation Office of Legal Counsel. He can be reached at (509) 865-7268.

Sincerely,



Ross K. Sockzehigh
Chairman
Yakama Tribal Council

cc: Honorable Gary Burke, Chairman, Confederated Tribes
of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Honorable Anthony Johnson, Chairman, Nez Perce Tribe
Honorable Gary Locke, Governor, State of Washington
Honorable Ted Kulongoski, Governor, State of Oregon
Honorable Gail Norton, United States Secretary of the Interior
Honorable Donald Evans, United States Secretary of Commerce
Honorable Christine Todd Whitman, United States EPA Administrator

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